

Worksop Christian Centre Trustees' Annual Report

for the period 1 October 2022 – 30 September 2023

Administrative Information

Worksop Christian Centre, which is also known as 'WCC' and 'WCC Life', is situated on Vicar's Walk, Worksop S80 2HJ. The registered Charity number is 1169816.

Trustees: Tracey Bladen, Chair
Joel Hatfield
Andrew Greenfield (to 30th November, 2022)

The Trustees met formally as trustees and also on additional occasions as a leadership team (along with the elders) in the period 1st October 2022 to 30th September 2023 (dates of meetings: 30/9/22, 10/10/22, 28/11/22, 12/1/23, 22/5/23, 18/9/23).

Section B - Structure, governance, and management

Description of the charity's trusts

Worksop Christian Centre is a Christian church which became a Charitable Incorporated Organisation on 23 September 2016, and which is governed by its Constitution, whose only voting members are its Charity Trustees.

Each Charity Trustee must be appointed for a term of five years by a resolution passed at a properly convened meeting of the Charity Trustees.

In selecting individuals for appointment as Charity Trustees, the Charity Trustees must have regard to the skills, knowledge and experience needed for the effective administration of the CIO.

All Charity Trustees must subscribe and adhere to, in belief and lifestyle, the Statement of Faith.

The pastor and elders are responsible for (and are recognised by the Church Fellowship as being responsible for) the spiritual leadership of the Church Fellowship in accordance with its Statement of Faith (Schedule to Constitution).

The spiritual government and leadership of the Church Fellowship for the purposes of which the CIO has been established shall remain with the Spiritual Leadership and to the extent to which the Charity Trustees are not synonymous with the Spiritual Leadership their powers shall be confined to the proper management and administration of the CIO in accordance with the provisions of this Constitution and in furtherance of the Objects and in so doing they shall have full and proper regard to the Spiritual Leadership provided always that they shall not act outside their powers as conferred by this Constitution and by general law.

Additional governance issues (Optional)

The Charity Trustees will make available to each new Charity Trustee, on or before his or her first appointment: 1) a copy of this constitution and any amendments made to it; and 2) a copy of the

CIO's latest Trustees' Annual Report and statement of accounts; and 3) any other relevant documents for training and induction purposes.

Worksop Christian Centre is a member of the Evangelical Alliance.

Regarding the consideration of risks, and management procedures to manage them, Worksop Christian Centre has in place a Safeguarding policy and holds a risk register, both of which are maintained and implemented by the safeguarding lead.

Section C - Objectives and activities

The Objects of the CIO are, for the public benefit, the advancement of the Christian faith in accordance with the Statement of Faith; and the provisions of facilities for recreation and other leisure-time occupation for the inhabitants of Worksop and the surrounding area in the interests of social welfare and with the object of improving the conditions of life for the said inhabitants.

As a church, we encourage and equip people to serve in the community in Jesus' name through worship and prayer; studying the Bible; developing knowledge and trust in Jesus; providing pastoral care for people living in Worksop and the surrounding area; outreach work and practical assistance for all who need it.

Summary of the main achievements of the charity during the year

From October 2022 to September 2023 we have continued to steadily increase in attendance and have an increase in families with young children joining the church.

For the first time, Worksop Christian Centre was an official drop off centre for shoeboxes for Samaritan's Purse, which was a huge success in working with many schools, individuals and organisations locally.

Our community Christmas celebrations included a Family Christmas Quiz, a Cakes and Carols Service and Christmas Party Lunch, with a local butcher providing hot pork cobs. All events were well attended by our local community as well as the church members.

During the summer, we held a baptism service at the seaside for the second year running, and had a fun day playing games on the beach, building relationships.

Our youth group has continued to meet weekly during school term times and we all enjoy the youth room that was renovated last year. We run an early youth group 'Food and Faith' for an hour before the 'Youth Social' where we make time each week to discuss relevant issues such as friendship, school, peer pressures, social media and careers. Youth may attend either or both sessions.

The prayer group continued to meet on Wednesday evenings, to pray for the knowledge of Jesus to extend in Worksop and the surrounding area; for healing; for the issues affecting each town and city in the UK; for each other; for the church throughout the world; for world disasters and events. This group is open to all those who are interested in praying for their world, and for those who wish to meditate on God's power in action, and all are made welcome.

In December 2022 we were awarded the remainder of the Local Improvement Scheme grant of £5000 in completion of all the building works and improvements from the previous year. In February we were awarded a grant of £1000 from Warm Welcome Spaces Initiative as we registered our Lifeline action group as a warm community space to meet, chat and offer support.

Lifeline continues to run three times a week during school term time as a community project. It is a means of supporting families that have Free School Meals in Worksop and surrounding villages by providing free pre-packed sandwiches to take home (supplied by local sandwich factory, Samworth Brothers), and a cafe style environment for free snacks and drinks and an opportunity to socialise. We continue to build relationships with the parents and children on a regular basis and providing emotional support and advice where appropriate. We have a great team of volunteers, who are generous in their offering of time, skills, and commitment.

Additional details of objectives and activities

All activities are run by volunteers to whom we are grateful for their dedication and skills. We would also like to thank all those who carry out the administration, maintenance and operational tasks which are essential to the smooth running of the church.

We currently employ a youth pastor part time, but do not have an employed senior pastor. The church leadership team of elders and trustees have successfully led the church through this financial year.

Financial Review

Total income for the year amounted to £30,751 which was gratefully received as giving from generous members (£18,725 gift aided, £5,631 non gift aided) and from grants (£6000).

Although the financial impact due to Covid and the reduction of people attending church continues to have an effect, it is evident that there is some consistency in giving as last year's gift aid was £18,342. In comparison of previous years, gift aided donations are significantly reduced from £30,529 in year ending September 2020 to £23,728 in year ending September 2021, significantly affected by Covid lockdown and reduced church attendance.

Expenditure

The expenditure amounted to £29,776, with an excess of just under £1,000. It is important to note that we have only employed a part time youth pastor during this year, and have not had funds to employ a senior pastor.

As the building at Vicars Walk is an old primary school built in 1890, it needs regular planned maintenance. Each year, the maintenance budget is set at a level to include planned maintenance, and to provide for repair costs, which arise in such an old building.

It is WCC policy to maintain a significant balance (of approximately £25,000) on funds to cover emergency situations that may arise. The funds are retained for emergency repairs caused by extreme weather conditions, such as roof repairs, flood damage (as seen in Worksop in November 2019), for H&S upgrades, and unplanned emergencies.

Further financial review details

WCC is dependent upon gifts of money from regular donations and weekly offerings. Donations are made through bank transfers, a cash offering box in church and more recently, a contactless card donation station was introduced in September 2023 to make giving more accessible.

Gift aid has not yet been claimed yet for April 2020-2021, April 2021-2022 or April 2022-23 from HMRC.

In December 2022 we received £5000 from Local Improvement Scheme and in February 2023 we received £1000 from Warm Welcome Energy Fund Grant.

Section F - Other optional information

Over the period 2022-2023, WCC supported Christian charity Compassion with monthly donations, to a total of £680.

Worksop Christian Centre
Charity number 1169816

Financial statements

For the year ended 30 September 2023

Independent examiner's report to the trustees of Worksop Christain Centre

Charity number 1169816

I report on the financial statements of the charity for the year ended 30 September 2023, which are set out on page 2.

Respective responsibilities of the trustees and the Independent Examiner

As the charity trustees you are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements; you consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 144(2) of the Charities Act 2011 (the 2011 Act) and that an independent examination is needed.

It is my responsibility to:

- examine the accounts under section 145 of the 2011 Act;
- to follow the procedures laid down in the General Directions given by the Charity Commissioners section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act; and
- to state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of Independent Examiner's Statement

My examination was carried out in accordance with the General Directions given by the Charity Commission. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts with those records. It also includes considering any unusual items or disclosures in the financial statements and seeking explanations from you as trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit, and consequently I do not express an audit opinion on the view given by the accounts.

Independent examiner's statement

In connection with my examination, no matter has come to my attention:

(1) which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the requirements

- to keep accounting records in accordance with section 130 of the 2011 Act; or
- to prepare financial statements which accord with theses accounting records have not been met; or

(2) to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

15 July 2024

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Workshop Christian Centre
Charity number 1169816
Receipts and Payments Accounts

For the year ended 30 September 2023

	2023	2022
Receipts		
Donations Non Gift Aided	5631	16792
Grants	6000	11938
Other Income	395	47
Gift Aid recovered	0	0
Donations Gift Aided	18995	18342
Total receipts	<u><u>31022</u></u>	<u><u>47119</u></u>
Payments		
Church Events	315	0
Utilities	4497	3908
Health & Safety	1541	1180
Office	2443	881
Refreshments & Housekeeping	453	644
Maintenance	5287	14825
Capital Equipment	0	1941
Sound & Electrical	230	3825
Worship	180	0
Children & Youth	46	4804
Lifeline	0	173
Outreach & Mission	780	1279
IT & Copyright	778	35
Copier & Printing	337	442
Legal & Admin	192	1468
Adult Ministry	0	170
Communication/ WCC	0	144
Laptop & Projection	0	293
Employment Costs	9684	14032
Insurances	2609	2314
Training	402	0
Total payments	<u><u>29777</u></u>	<u><u>52357</u></u>
Excess of receipts over payments	1245	(5238)
Cash funds b/f 1 October	<u>73438</u>	<u>78677</u>
Cash funds c/f 30 September	<u><u>74683</u></u>	<u><u>73438</u></u>

Statement of Assets and Liabilities

	2023	2022
Cash funds		
Co-op Community Directplus Account	38496	37944
Natwest Reserve Account	35837	34578
Cash	350	916
	<u><u>74683</u></u>	<u><u>73438</u></u>

Approved by the trustees on _____ and signed on their behalf by:
